

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
STREET COMMITTEE

October 13, 1998
MAG Office Building, Saguaro Conference Room
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Ron Krosting, Mesa, Chairman	*Randy Harrel, Fountain Hill
*Jess Jarvis, ADOT	* George Flanagan, Litchfield Park
Jim Badowich for William Bates, Avondale	*Chris Plumb, Maricopa County
*Delbert Self, Buckeye	Glenn Cornwell, Paradise Valley
*Jonathan Pearson, Carefree	Burton Charron for Dan Nissen, Peoria
*Phil Hughes, Cave Creek	Don Herp, Phoenix
Ty Hofflander, Chandler	*Dick Schaner, Queen Creek
*José Solarez, El Mirage	*Larry Keeler, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Warren Sparks, Gila Bend	Indian Community
*Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community	Bob Brown for Alex McLaren, Scottsdale
Gary B. Thomas, Gilbert	Larry Shobe for Harvey Friedson, Tempe
Grant Anderson, Glendale	*Ralph Velez, Tolleson
Doug Sanders for Larry Martinez, Goodyear	*Don Needham, Youngtown
*Susanna Struble, Guadalupe	

*Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Erica Martinez, LTAP
Paul Ward, MAG

Anne MacCracken, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was started at 1:35 p.m. by Chairman Ron Krosting but the membership was one short of a quorum. Chairman Krosting requested staff to provide the standard reports and deferred any official business until one an additional member arrived.

3. Report on the Status of Federally Funded Projects Programmed for Fiscal Years 1999 through 2003 and the Federal Fund Balances

Anne MacCracken commented that ADOT reported that MAG had used all of its obligation authority (OA). MAG records indicate that approximately \$1.5 million in OA may still be available and confirmation will be forthcoming. Ms. MacCracken reported that ADOT projects have been removed from the project status sheet. Ms. MacCracken stated that since this is the beginning of the 1999 federal fiscal year, no projects have been obligated.

Paul Ward commented that jurisdictions need to act on projects. Mr. Ward stated that it is most likely that more federal funds will become available during FY 1999 and succeeding years and that there may be opportunities to increase the total cost of a project which would increase the federal share. Mr. Ward also suggested that MAG rideshare, air quality and transportation study, travel reduction, and air quality contingency projects should be removed from the status sheet. Grant Anderson asked why the MAG projects will be removed. Mr. Ward answered that these projects are part of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and therefore are not required to undergo the same sort of development that is required of regular jurisdictional STP and CMAQ funded projects, such as Design Concept Report, Plans development and Contracts and Specifications approvals. Mr. Anderson asked about the process for the UPWP. Chairman Krosting asked what was Mr. Anderson's concern. Mr. Anderson replied that air quality and transportation studies use STP funds and that the Street Committee should have a voice in programming these funds. Mr. Ward reported that development of the UPWP occurs by June of each year and usually occurs after federal funds have been approved during the TIP cycle. Mr. Anderson asked that the air quality and transportation studies projects remain in the status report.

4. Report on the Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee Meeting

Mr. Ward reported that the Regional Council had appointed a Transportation Subcommittee to provide guidelines for policies and programming issues. The first meeting of the occurred on September 27, 1998 and involved presentations by MAG senior staff. The meeting concluded with members requesting additional information regarding funding and especially the fair share concept. Mr. Ward indicated that another meeting was scheduled for October 15, 1998.

At approximately 1:45 p.m., an additional member arrived and Chairman Krosting called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of the September 8, 1998 Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the September 8, 1998 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. Possible Future Support of Local Assistance Program (LTAP)

Erica Martinez gave a brief presentation on the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP). Ms. Martinez asked for direct support from MAG. Ms. Martinez stated that, under TEA-21, funding for LTAP was maintained while funding from other sources have decreased. Ms. Martinez also stated that LTAP has two full-time trainers available, and that through an agreement with local community colleges, jurisdiction employees may attend classes at these community colleges. In addition an Associates degree in applied technology is being developed.

Glenn Cornwell asked if courses will be offered in the local Phoenix area. Ms. Martinez answered that as courses are requested in the Phoenix area, more courses will become held in the Phoenix area. Chairman Krosting asked about LTAP's funding statewide. Ms. Martinez replied that their base is \$100,000 and LTAP needs an additional match of \$100,000. As an example, Ms. Martinez stated that PAG contributes approximately \$47,000 per year. Chairman Krosting asked about increased funding from ADOT. Ms. Martinez said that ADOT supports LTAP in other ways like

providing overhead and a vehicle. Chairman Krosting asked if the Committee would like to bring this proposal for direct support back to the committee to forward a recommendation.

7. Update on the Congestion Management System (CMS)

Mr. Ward reported briefly regarding a meeting of the CMS Subcommittee. He stated that several suggestions had been made to change the CMS Rating system and that these involved the possible reduction or elimination of the use of future traffic counts in the Congestion Factors section and possibly involved treating ITS and bicycle projects differently. Mr. Ward indicated that these possible changes would be discussed during the TIP Development agenda item that would form part of the next meeting.

6. Addition of Estrella Parkway as a Road of Regional Significance

Doug Sanders described the location of the segment on Estrella Parkway. Mr. Ward clarified that this is not the 303. A general map of the area was distributed. Mr. Sanders said that this segment on Estrella Parkway was from north of McDowell Road to Elliot Road. Mr. Sanders stated that this segment serves Estrella Mountain Development and the Phoenix International Raceway (PIR). Grant Anderson asked why not extend the segment to Indian School Road instead of terminating north of McDowell Road. Mr. Sanders answered that in January of 1999 the segment will be developed up to Yuma Road. Mr. Anderson made the motion to include the Estrella Parkway segment from Elliot Road to Indian School Road. Larry Shobe seconded the motion.

Gary Thomas asked if Camelback Road was switched to Indian School Road in the RRS network. Mr. Thomas asked what the reason for adding Estrella Parkway to the RRS network. Mr. Sanders answered that Estrella Parkway would provide a north-south access for the Estrella Ranch, Luke Air Force Base and the PIR. Don Herp asked what the advantage was for Goodyear to add Estrella Parkway to the RRS network. Mr. Sanders replied that this designation is a useful tool when dealing with developers. Warren Sparks asked if the Estrella Parkway meets the original criteria for a RRS. Mr. Ward answered that Estrella Parkway did not meet the strict definitions of the original RRS. Bob Brown asked if this item could be brought back next month with the rational. Mr. Sanders answered that he has provided a rational for the Committee and is prepared to answer questions. Chairman Krosting asked if the Committee Members wished to withdraw the motion. Mr. Anderson answered no. Jim Badowich asked what community would benefit from this inclusion. Mr. Sanders answered that the City of Goodyear, PIR, Avondale, and County facilities would benefit.

Mr. Thomas stated that he is not necessarily against the addition of Estrella Parkway as a RRS, but that he does not feel that he has sufficient information to vote yes. The motion was approved by a vote of seven to four with Chandler, Gilbert, Phoenix and Scottsdale opposing the motion and Mesa not voting (Chairman).

8. Fundamentals of Federal Funds

Mr. Ward distributed a handout summarizing the process for programming and achieving the obligation of federally funded projects. Mr. Ward indicated that the handout was the first draft of a future information packet that he suggested would be update annually and be distributed to all

members for use during the development of the Transportation Improvement Program and the implementation of projects so programmed. He requested any comments to improve the handout be directed to him or Anne MacCracken at MAG.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.